

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE INTERMENTS WITHIN THE CHURCHYARD AT HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH, TOWN OF WEEMS, LANCASTER COUNTY

1. APPLICANT:

Robert J. Teagle, Executive Director  
Foundation for Historic Christ Church (FHCC)

2. PROPOSED WORK AND NEED FOR RELOCATION: The applicant proposes to install a subsurface drainage system around Historic Christ Church and through the churchyard to address rising damp that is threatening the ca. 1735 building. Archaeological investigation of the churchyard in preparation for this project has identified multiple unmarked historic graves.

Although every effort will be made to redesign the project to avoid gravesites, FHCC has determined that at least one unmarked interment cannot be avoided. Additional burials may be identified as this investigation progresses. Pursuant to the requirements of VA Code §10.1-2305, FHCC has applied for a burial permit through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to allow the archaeological excavation and relocation of the aforementioned interment and any others than may be identified within proposed utility locations. A copy of the application may be requested from DHR.

Following anthropological analysis, the remains of the unknown individual(s) will be respectfully reburied within the churchyard unless otherwise requested by interested parties.

3. COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the following:

Robert Teagle, Executive Director, Foundation for Historic Christ Church, PO Box 24, Irvington, VA 22480 or [rteagle@christchurch1735.org](mailto:rteagle@christchurch1735.org); and

Joanna Wilson Green, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221 or [burialpermits@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:burialpermits@dhr.virginia.gov).

Written comments should be received by the close of business on October 19, 2022. A public hearing may be requested by any respondent to this notice.

4. CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Mr. Teagle.